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SUBJECT: CUMHURIYET ARTICLE ON POPPY CULTIVATION IN THE U.S.

- 1. CUMHURIYET, REPORTING ON FEBRUARY 25 MEETING OF THE UN COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS IN GENEVA, STATED THAT TURKEY, SUPPORTED BY CANADA, OPPOSED THE "DECISION" OF THE U.S. TO BEGIN CULTIVATION OF BRACTEATUM PAPAVER. ACCORDING TO CUMHRIYET, WHICH CITED "OFFICIAL SOURCES," A DECISION BY THE U.S. TO CULTIVATE POPPIES WOULD CAUSE TURKEY AND ITS CURRENTLY UNDER-CONSTRUCTION ALKALOID FACTORY TO "SUFFER GREATLY". CUMHURIYET REPORTED THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS WOULD BEGIN DEBATE ON MARCH 15 OF A BILL AUTHORIZING POPPY CULTIVATION. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, PETER BOURNE, DESCRIBED AS A "MANAGER" OF THE MALLINCKRODT PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY, HAS BECOME THE NARCOTICS ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND IS "INFLUENCING" THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION ON THIS ISSUE.
- 2. COMMENT: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON CURRENT STATUS OF PROPOSAL FOR BRACTEATUM CULTIVATION IN UNCLASSIFIED

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